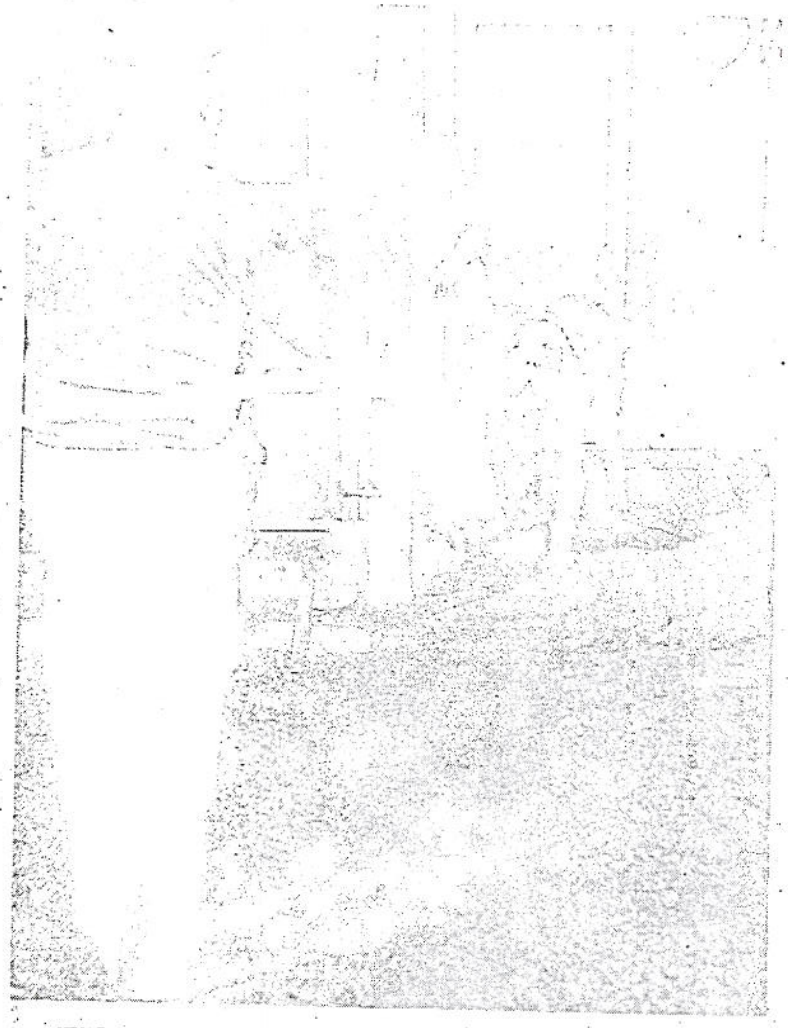

VEILED RECEPTION — Mrs. Elizabeth Wheat greeted sheriff's officers and newsmen at a remote cabin near Burney, Calif., guarded by an angry St. Bernard. She quickly threw a heavy veil over her head, retreated inside and refused to talk in front of newsmen. She at first told Capt. Harold Cramer (pictured) she was Madge Merkle, later revealed her true identity. She said her husband, G. Clinton Wheat, wanted as a material witness in New Orleans Dist. Atty. James Garrison's investigation of the Kennedy assassination, had left on foot from the remote hideaway about a week ago.

—Photo Courtesy Redding Record-Searchlight

# Shasta Sheriff Still Hunts Plot Figure

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Elusive G. Clinton Wheat, wanted by New Orleans Dist. Atty. James Garrison to testify in his investigation to President Kennedy's assassination, continued to avoid Shasta County, Calif., authorities this weekend.

By late Saturday, the subpoena issued through Garrison's office still had not been served, although Shasta County Sheriff's officers continued their efforts.

Spokesmen at the sheriff's office in Redding, Calif., were contacted by the Herald and News Saturday afternoon and informed that Klamath County Sheriff Murray Britton had indicated he had information which would lead to Wheat's immediate capture.

Britton had said he did not believe Wheat was in the Klamath Falls area, although he left here abruptly on May 6.

Sheriff's officers in Redding said they would accept a collect call from Britton, "giving us his information."

If Wheat has managed to return to Klamath County, Redding officials said they would refer the subpoena to Britton's office on request.

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Where Is Wheat?

Every Odd Place Still In Search

# Shasta Deputies Still On Wheat's Trail

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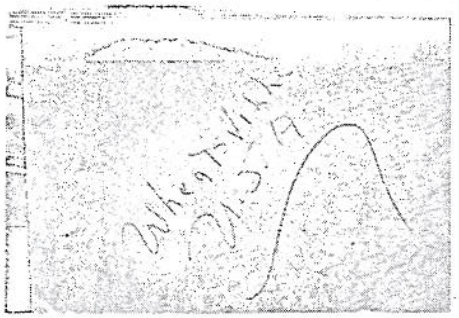
Wheat had lived in Klamath County for three or four years, most recently at what was known as the old Poe Valley School owned by I. F. (Buck) Rodgers.

Britton served eviction notices on Wheat May 6 and he and his wife, Elizabeth, packed their belongings in an old Chrysler pickup and trailer, presumably heading for Ashland.

They drove southerly, however, and were located by Shasta County officials Thursday.

When officers arrived at the isolated cabin between Burney and McArthur, Calif., however, Wheat was gone; his wife, who immediately covered her head with a veil refused to talk in the presence of newsmen.

She told Capt. Harold Cramer of the Shasta County Sheriff's Office that her husband had left on foot about a week earlier with no luggage.




SOUVENIRS — Among the personal effects stashed around the Wheats' remote mountain retreat was this box of household goods marked "Wheatsville, U.S.A." What significance it has in Wheat's far-right extremist activities or in alleged discussions of a Kennedy assassination plot is a matter of conjecture.

The car parked in front of the cabin was registered to Wheat, according to a check with the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles. The trailer was registered to Rodgers.

The Redding Record Searchlight reported the mountain cabin was secured for Wheat, his wife and two St. Bernard dogs — both described as "vicious" — by Hal W. Hunt, Burney, publisher of a far-right weekly newspaper called the National Chronicle.

Owners of the cabin are John Camerlo, a San Pablo, Calif., contractor and real estate man, and Arthur Anderson, a Richmond, Calif., fireman. Camerlo said the Wheats occupied the dwelling without his permission.

Information locally indicates that Wheat lived for several years on the old DeLap ranch about 10 miles south of Klamath Falls on the Merrill - Malin Highway, Sheriff Britton said he evicted the Wheats from that dwelling about 14 months ago.

The couple later secured the Rodgers place in Poe Valley which burned to the ground the night of May 6 — following the Wheats' move.

Fire officials said the blaze was too advanced when they arrived to be quenched.

They had no probable cause of the fire but surmised it started near an oil stove.

A subpoena directing Wheat, an ex-convict active in right wing extremist circles in Los Angeles, to testify May 29 and 30 in New Orleans, and $535 for travel fare for Wheat, were received by Shasta County Dist. Atty. Robert W. Baker last week.

Shasta County Superior Court Judge Richard B. Eaton signed an order directing Wheat to appear in court Monday to either go to New Orleans or show cause why he should not.

Wheat is one of two men reportedly subpoenaed by Garrison last week. The other is Dr. Stanley L. Drennan, 52, Los Angeles, who has declined to comment on Garrison's action.

Garrison has waged his investigation on the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination of Kennedy almost single-handed. His term as district attorney expires in May, 1970.

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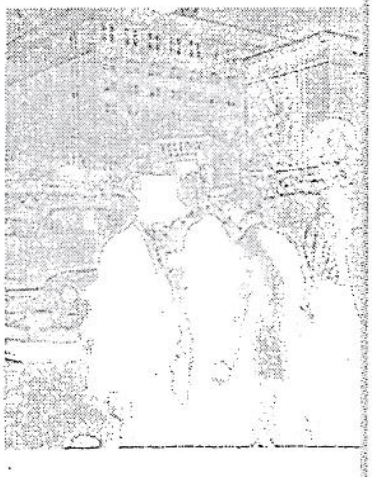
Even Klamath County has been touched by the hornets' nest stirred up by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison (left) who contends he has solved the Kennedy assassination. He does not accept the Warren Commission verdict that Lee Harvey Os-